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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**

(Regular application claiming priority of a provisional)

Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Roy D. Kornbluh and Ronald E. Pelrine**

For: **VARIABLE STIFFNESS ELECTROACTIVE POLYMER SYSTEMS**

Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/293,005 filed on May 22, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/327,846 filed on October 5, 2001 are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Application Elements:

- ☒ **55** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ **9** Sheets of informal Drawings  
☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☐ Separate Declaration

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.  
☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
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Claim For Foreign Priority

☐ Priority of \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.  
☐ The certified copy is enclosed. ☐ The certified copy will follow.

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

“This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.”

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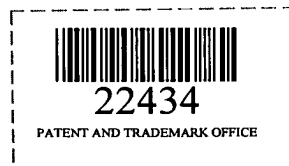
☐ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. \_\_\_\_\_).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SRI1P035).

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